GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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CONSTRUCTION OF PONDS AND RESERVOIRS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any plan for construction and protection reservoirs and ponds keeping in view the depleting water table in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Central Government is responsible for laying down policy guidelines and programmes for the development and regulation of country's water resources. Irrigation being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, investigation, funding alongwith priority, execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, including protection of reservoirs considering the local situation primarily rests with the concerned State Governments themselves.